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Shakopee Police to receive grant for graffiti reduction

Funds will purchase graffiti-resistant paint

Shakopee, Minn. – The Shakopee Police Department will receive a grant for \$10,000 to launch a Graffiti Reduction Program and purchase Anti-Graffiti Coating paint to deter graffiti in the City's most vulnerable areas.

A City of Shakopee survey identified graffiti and gang activity as the highest public safety concerns among city residents. The Police Department aims to address residents' concerns by launching the Graffiti Reduction Program, the goal of which is to reduce the quantity of graffiti and broken-window-type crimes in the City.

One of the requirements of the grant is to provide an opportunity for public comment.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) is provided to local governments to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

If individuals are interested in more information on this grant, questions should be directed to: Jeff Tate, Shakopee Police Chief itate@ci.shakopee.mn.us

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Public comment on the grant may also be submitted orally or in writing to the Shakopee Police Department through Aug. 7, 2013, or to the Shakopee City Council at the Aug. 7, 2013, City Council meeting, 129 Holmes St. S., Shakopee.

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